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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN DGCA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortage of manpower in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) despite heavy growth of air traffic in the country;

(b) if so, whether in view of present global scenario, the Government has made any assessment of the existing shortage of manpower and envisage future requirement of the DGCA;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the actual strength and shortage of manpower in various airports in the country against the sanctioned strength as on date, airport-wise;

(e) the extent to which passenger safety aspect has been affected by such inadequate manpower in various airports;and

(f) the number of vacant posts filled by DGCA during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c):- Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the growth in the civil aviation sector, the Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M.K.Kaw, former Secretary,Ministry of Civil Aviation to review the roles and functions of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).This Committee submitted its report in 2006 and projected future manpower requirements in view of the exponential growth in the field of Civil Aviation. Further in 2008, based on the recommendations of the Kaw Committee, a fresh reassessment for reorganisation/ restructuring of DGCA was made.Government has since, based on this reassessment,agreed for creation of 427 Group `A` posts in DGCA.

(d):- The staff of DGCA are distributed region - wise to regulate airport operations in their respective regions. After implementation of the Kaw Committee recommendations, regarding manpower enhancement, the region-wise sanctioned strength, actual strength and shortage of staff in that order are, Delhi 71,42,29; Lucknow 12,10,2; Kanpur 8,5,3; Mumbai 58,34,24; Bhopal 8,5,3; Hyderabad 22,16,6; Kolkata 42,34,8; Patna 10,6,4; Bhubaneshwar 4,4,0; Guwahati 4,4,0; Chennai 19,11,8; Cochin 4,3,1; Bangalore 17, 14,3.

(e):- DGCA continues to effectively enforce safety and regulatory standards on all airlines/operators without compromising passenger safety.

(f):- 20 promotional posts were filled up in 2006, 19 in 2007 and 9 in 2008.